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WEST DAYTON MAN RECEIVES 14-YEAR SENTENCE FOR GUN, DRUG CRIMES

DAYTON - Jerome Hassan Mackey, age 24, of Dayton's west side will serve 168-months (14 years) in federal prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm and possession with intent to distribute marijuana.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio; Christopher P. Sadowski, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; and Dayton Police Director Julian Davis announced the sentence handed down today by Senior United States District Judge Walter H. Rice.

A United States District Court jury convicted Mackey on May 25, 2005, after a week-long trial. Dayton Police officers arrested Mackey on May 25, 2004, when they raided a drug house on Dayton's west side. Police found Mackey standing with his arms over the kitchen sink. In the sink, officers found a rather distinctive, loaded .357 magnum revolver. Next to the sink, officers found marijuana packaged for sale along with loose marijuana, cash, and a digital scale. Officers also recovered a cell phone from Mackey. When the phone rang, a picture of the gun that was in the sink popped up on the phone screen.

"One of the most significant elements of this case was the defendant's lengthy criminal record," Lockhart said. "A federal initiative known as Project Safe Neighborhoods gives us the tools to prosecute repeat criminal offenders in federal courts where the penalties for gun crimes can be longer than in state courts." Lockhart noted that Montgomery County Prosecuting Attorney Mathias H. Heck, Jr. plays a key role in Project Safe Neighborhoods.

Lockhart commended the cooperative investigation by Dayton Police officers and ATF agents, including ATF Special Agent David McMullen, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Vipal J. Patel, who prosecuted the case.

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